(a) on which meters/wavelengths the news broadcast in South Indian languages by the News Services Division can be heard in Delhi and at what times;

(b) on which meters/wavelengths the services provided under External Services in Telugu and Tamil can be heard in Delhi and at what times; and

(c) whether the programmes broadcast by Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada and Cuddapah be heard in Delhi and if so, on what meters/wavelengths ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) The National News Bulletins of All India Radio in South Indian and other regional languages are originated from Delhi for relay by the radio stations in the respective language region. As such, they are not available for listening in Delhi.

(b) The Telugu and Tamil services provided under the External Services of AIR are meant for listerners in East Asia, Southeast Asia and Sri Lanka and as such they cannot be heard in Delhi.

(c) The programmes of Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada and Cuddpah Radio Stations are meant for listening in the respective regions of Andhra Pradesh and as such they are not a available for listening in Delhi.

Priorisation of Doordarshan Serials

3532. SMT. VEENA VERMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what steps have been taken to priorities Doordarshan serials cleared by CBI; and

(b) what are the details of the serials already prioritised; and what criteria has been adopted for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) Prioritisation of serials to meet Doordarshan requirements from amongst at graded shortlisted proposals under the New Sponsorship Scheme of October 1990 only, is sought to be done through random number generation using a computer in order to ensure transparency and objectivity in the exercise.

Teletext Services of Doordarshan

3533. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state the timings of teletext services that can be viewed on Channel I and Channel II of the Delhi Doordarshan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : Teletext Service of Doordarshan is, at present, transmitted only on Second Channel of Delhi from 0300 hrs. to 2330 hrs. with one hour break from 1300 hrs. to 1400 hrs. and can be viewed with the use of a teletext 'decoder'. Without the benefit of a 'decoder', limited information pages only can be viewed in the picture mode during the following periods, except when other programmes are shown in such periods :—

0300 hrs. to 1300 hars. Daily

1400 hrs. to 1815 hrs. Mon.—Fri.

1915 hrs. Sat-Sun.

2230 hrs. to 2330 hrs. Daily.

Telecast of Cultural Activities of Eminent Personalities

3534. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a need to telecast cultural news by Doordarshan;

(b) whether the cultural activities of a few personages will be highly appreciated by the viewers; and